

# WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, occasional thunderstorms; variable winds.

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## QUEEN VICTORIA IS BLIND

She Will Be Unable to Respond to Her Subjects' Homage.

### TRIED TO KEEP IT SECRET

No Details of the Sad News Available Beyond the Fact that the Affliction Is a Recent Culmination—It Is Possible that It May Be Curable.

London, June 15.—The whole aspect of the coming jubilee has been suddenly changed by painful information which comes tonight from a source that makes it impossible to doubt its accuracy. It is announced on the authority of one of the royal physicians attending upon her majesty that "the Queen is almost totally blind." No details of the sad news are available beyond the fact that the affliction is a recent culmination, though it had for some time been threatened.

If the cause of her majesty's blindness is cataract, which is the commonest form of impaired sight in advanced age, it, of course, is possible to cure it by a simple delicate operation. No information is yet vouchsafed on this point. In fact, it was hoped that the pitiful truth that the aged Queen would be unable to see the millions of her subjects who will pay homage to her next Tuesday, would be withheld from her knowledge until after the jubilee.

This is the true reason why she will not ride alone in the procession, and why she will not leave her carriage at the services, to be held at St. Paul's Cathedral Tuesday, and it is semi-officially announced that she will be unable to respond to the greetings that will be extended to her along the line of the royal procession. It also explains, possibly, the recent revival of the gossip of a regency under the Prince of Wales in the near future.

## MR. ANGELL IS ACCEPTABLE

The Sultan Will Receive Him as Minister to Turkey.

An Official Trade Issued Proclaiming Him Satisfactory to the Porte. Terrell Expected Home.

The State Department has received the official information that an trade has been issued by the Porte proclaiming that Dr. Angell is a satisfactory minister of the United States to Turkey. This settles all possibility of difficulties for Dr. Angell in this regard, as the trade is absolutely authoritative in the way of a public announcement in Turkey.

It is believed that Minister Terrell has left Constantinople for Washington. He was informed of the trade concerning Dr. Angell several days ago.

The State Department had unofficial knowledge of this announcement by the Porte during the latter part of last week, but did not care to make it public or take any action with regard to it until the information came from an official source.

## THE REVOLT ON THE CONGO.

All of the Whites Are in a Critical Position.

New York, June 15.—A cable dispatch is printed this morning announcing the revolt of a part of the native troops of the Congo State, and the massacre of some twenty of their white officers. The official dispatches to the Congo State government, announcing this tragedy, have reached here. They are brief and obscure, and give no idea of the cause of the revolt, but the details they furnish show that all the white stations in the entire eastern part of the Congo State are in a critical condition.

If the revolt spread further there is no telling whether the situation could hold out till succor reaches them from the lower Congo.

## THE FORMOSA REBELLION.

Sen Sin, the Leader, Was Killed in the Fray.

San Francisco, June 15.—News from Formosa says that the recent attack on the capital of North Formosa on the day when all the Chinese remaining on the island became subjects of Japan was led by Sen Sin, a rebel chief.

He received a fatal wound and died soon after falling into the hands of the Japanese. His body was positively identified by the Chinese whose family he had killed last January in a raid on Taipei. It is believed that with this chief dead the pacification of North Formosa will soon be complete.

The Chinese, however, who can pay their passage are leaving in large numbers.

## WILL SPY NO MORE

Alleged Blackmailer Killed by a Man He Was Watching.

Providence, June 15.—Frank M. Rittman, a former police constable of this city, died last night from the effects of a pistol wound received five hours before. The shot was fired by a man upon whom Rittman was spying on a secluded street in the town of Johnston. Rittman, it is asserted by the police, has blackmailed several persons whom he says he found in compromising positions, and it is asserted that he received his death wound while following up this line of business.

The identity of the assailant is unknown.

Loving Cup for the Texas. Richmond, Va., June 15.—About three hundred people went down to Old Point Comfort this afternoon to witness the presentation of the loving cup by the citizens of Richmond to the officers of the battleship Texas.

Virginia Newton, a leading citizen and chairman of Richmond, made the presentation speech.

## NEED QUAY IN HARRISBURG.

The Republican Legislature in a Very Bad Way.

Harrisburg, Pa., June 15.—Senator Quay's arrival is awaited anxiously by the leaders of the senate and house, and distracted State officials. They are becoming more and more befuddled over the revenue question. Today's developments showed again that some policy must be formulated or the State's interests will suffer.

The Democrats helped to increase the trouble yesterday by voting against all measures providing for increase of taxation. This is the result of a caucus held Monday night, at which the thirty-two Democrats agreed to oppose the majority program solidly and to fight particularly an extension of the session.

With matters in this shape the entire assembly is actually waiting for Senator Quay to come here and devise a program. The two bodies are deadlocked, and not a single appropriation bill has yet been passed. Bitterness is cropping out on all sides, and as it looks now, the session will close with a real hot factional outbreak.

It is undoubtedly the beginning of another assault upon Senator Quay. County organizations have been captured by the anti-Quay people in Tioga and Franklin counties this week, and they boast that more breaks in his lines are soon to follow.

## THORNTON DIED FOR HER SAKE.

Engagement of Bertie Belle Smith and T. J. Felder Announced.

Atlanta, Ga., June 15.—The announcement today of the engagement of Thomas J. Felder, of Atlanta, and Miss Bertie Belle Smith, of Louisville, Ky., culminates a most peculiar, mingled tale of disappointment and successful love.

Mr. Felder for years represented the Corbin Banking Company here, and lately has gone into business for himself on a large scale. He is, perhaps, the best-known young financier in the South. Miss Smith is the daughter of President Milton H. Smith, of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, and a noted beauty.

Previous to her acquaintance with Mr. Felder she had been engaged to Preston Thornton, a member of one of Louisville's first families, and socially a great favorite.

Mr. Felder pressed his suit with so much vigor that it is said Miss Smith broke the engagement with young Thornton for Mr. Felder's sake. Almost insane with disappointment, Thornton destroyed himself in her presence. Within a few weeks of the latter event the engagement has been announced.

## THE IOWA IN COMMISSION.

It Is Turned Over to the Government by the Builders.

Philadelphia, June 15.—Without any ceremony whatever, the sea-going battleship Iowa was transferred by her builders to the United States Government and put into commission at the League Island navy yard today.

At 10 o'clock this morning the huge vessel was hoisted out of the berth into mid-stream and towed to League Island. As she passed down in front of the city she received every mark of deference from the smaller craft lying in the river. On reaching the navy yard the Iowa was accepted by the United States Government officials in charge.

Capt. Sargent was in charge until the transfer was made, and then Capt. W. T. Sampson, former chief of ordnance, who had been placed in command of the battleship, assumed full control.

Early in July Capt. Sampson will take the ship to Newport to receive her torpedo boats. After a short cruise at sea she will join the North Atlantic squadron and will take the place of the New York as flagship.

## CANNOT STAND DISCIPLINE.

Candidates for West Point Resign and Go Home.

West Point, N. Y., June 15.—Two of the candidates for admission to the military academy resigned today and went home, and a third announced his intention of giving up trying for admission.

The first two were Bertram Sanders, who was appointed from the Sixth Congressional district of Indiana, by Congressman Johnson, and a young man named Jones from Arkansas. They went away because they made up their minds that they could not stand military discipline. Both are high-strung young men.

The young man who has announced his intention of going is named Moore, from South Carolina. The reason he is going home is that he is convinced that he cannot pass the examination.

## DETAILS OF BARATO'S SUICIDE

A Ship's Officer Jumped into the Water After Him.

London, June 15.—Later details of Barato's suicide, received here this afternoon, say he was walking the deck of the steamer Scot after luncheon, leaning upon the arm of a fellow-passenger, of whom he asked the time of day.

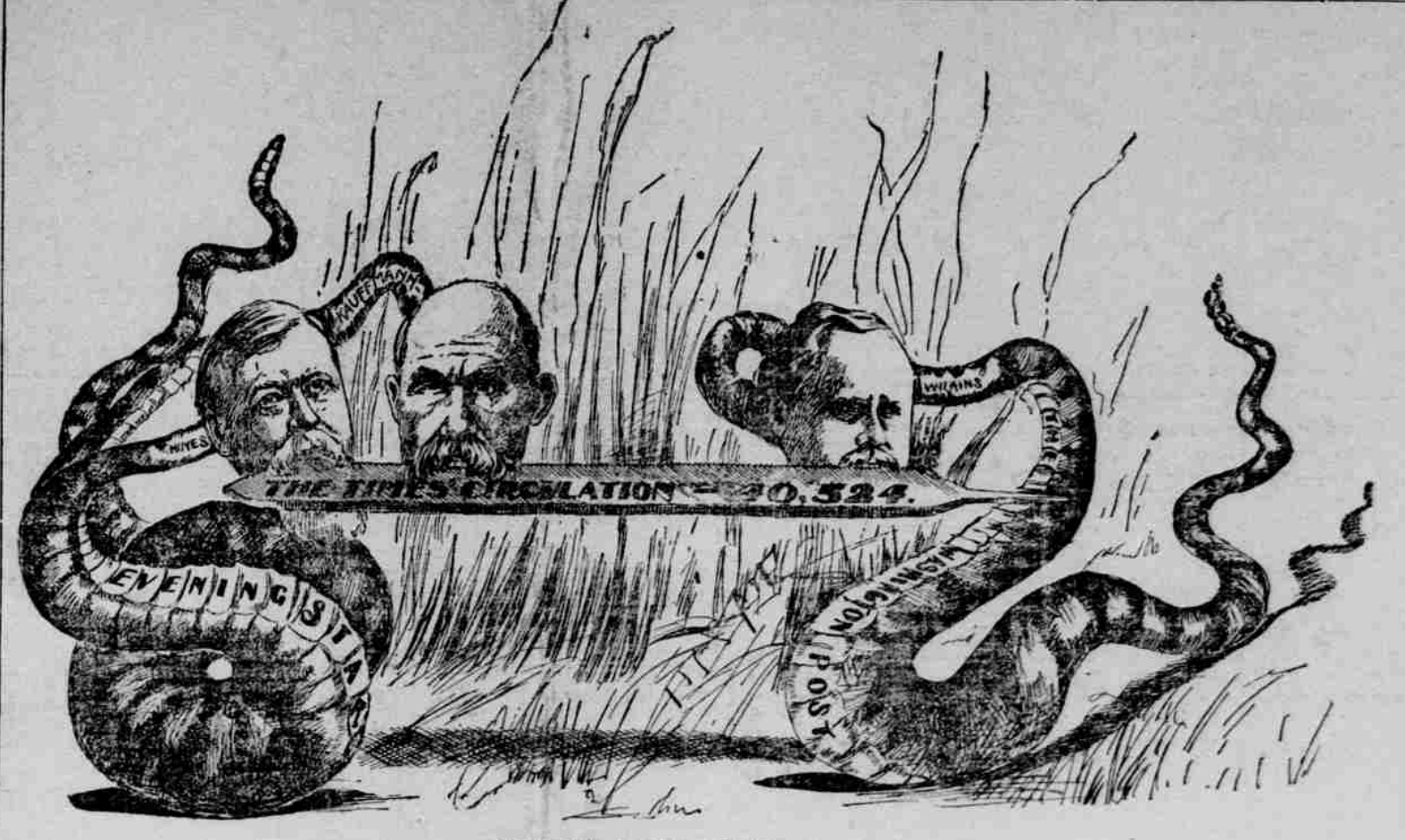
Almost at the same moment he wrenched his arm away and leaped into the sea. The fourth officer of the vessel plunged overboard after him, but was unsuccessful in reaching him, as the Scot was steaming at the rate of seventeen knots an hour and the sea was very heavy.

A boat was lowered as soon as possible and the officer was saved, but Barato was dead when he was picked up. The body is being embalmed and will be brought to England.

## SPALDING MAY ESCAPE.

The Trial Judge Gives an Opinion Favorable to Him.

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## ANNEXATION TREATY READY

The Senate Expecting It from the President Today.

### ITS RATIFICATION PROBABLE

Opinion of Senators Is, However, that No Final Action Upon It Will Be Taken During the Present Session of Congress—Text May Be Made Public.

The Senate is expecting a treaty of annexation with Hawaii, to be sent to it today. Positive statements to this effect were given Senators yesterday afternoon during a prosy discussion of the tariff and it created a breeze of subdued excitement and at once precipitated a discussion as to the probable fate of the convention.

Three weeks ago the President gave a three-hour private audience to Minister Hatch, ex-Minister Thurston, and another leading citizen of the Hawaiian Republic, then in the city. At that conference suggestions and counter suggestions as to plans and methods in connection with the proposed scheme of annexation were discussed, and the visitors when they departed were warned not to let the subject matter of the conference reach the public.

Gradually, however, the matter has leaked out, and for the past ten days it has been known that the President has been considering an annexation treaty.

Just before his departure for Nashville the President read the rough draft which had been prepared by Assistant Secretary Day, and which had also been submitted to and met the approval of Minister Hatch. The President was satisfied with the general tenor of the convention, but suggested a few changes in the verbiage. When he returned to this city Tuesday morning the finally prepared treaty was submitted to him by Minister Hatch.

The text of the treaty was submitted to the Cabinet meeting yesterday morning, when the President announced his intention of sending it to the Senate at once. The negotiation of this treaty was indorsed by every member of the Cabinet. So far as can be ascertained, the only point of difference being as to the advisability of sending it in during the extra session, which had been called for the sole purpose of dealing with the tariff.

The President, however, took the view that owing to the discussion of the duties and the duties of the Hawaiian Republic, the two governments growing out of the large importations of that article, the Congress and the country knew the intentions of the Administration the better it would be. For this reason the President decided that he would send in the treaty today.

It is signed in time by Minister Hatch. Duplicate copies have, of course, been made, and the Hawaiian government understands, from the rough draft, just what the terms of union will be. It is expected that Minister Hatch and Secretary Sherman will affix their names to the treaty this morning.

Owing to the peculiar hearing of this treaty upon the tariff, it is probable that its text and the President's message will be made public. The President himself believes that this should be done, and leading members of the Committee on Foreign Relations, with whom a Times reporter talked yesterday, were of the same opinion.

Congress could not very well discuss the sugar schedule and take action upon the Hawaiian clause without intimations of a secret. An effort will be made to put the treaty before the Senate before the end of twelve months, the shortest period within which it would be possible to abrogate the existing reciprocal treaty.

It is not probable that this annexation treaty will be considered at this session. Congress will dissolve immediately upon the final passage of the tariff bill, and the mere announcement of the fact that the treaty has been negotiated will satisfy the country that Hawaiian interests are fully protected for the time being. The treaty will be referred to the committee, where it will be from time to time considered.

Two other treaties are now held there by Chairman Davis, owing to his desire not to interfere with the tariff debate. It would, however, be in readiness for a report at the opening of the session in December.

That the treaty will receive the requisite two-thirds vote there is not a shadow of a doubt in the minds of Senators. It will receive nine of the eleven votes in the committee, Messrs. Gray and Mills

alone being antagonistic to annexation. Messrs. Sherman, Turpie, and Dinkel, the remaining Democratic members, are favorable. The annexation of the island republic is not a political question and party lines will not be drawn. One well-informed Senator, who has been giving the subject very close attention, is of the opinion that not to exceed eighteen votes would be cast against it.

There has been some discussion as to whether the House would participate in the annexation proceedings. The precedents do not show that the House is an necessary factor in an annexation treaty any more than in the consideration of other treaties. Only when questions of the appropriation of public money enters into the scheme will the House have a voice and then only in the mere matter of the appropriation itself. When Alaska was ceded to the United States by Russia the Senate ratified the treaty and passed the bill appropriating the \$7,000,000 for the payment of the purchase money. The House wrangled over it for a long time, but finally agreed to the bill. So in the case of Louisiana, Florida, Texas, and every other acquisition by treaty, the Senate ratified the negotiation and the House voted away the money.

There is, however, the matter of the necessary funds to carry it into effect. Should the House refuse to vote, of course, in a breach of the treaty.

But nothing of the kind is expected at this time. The House is in thorough accord with the President on this subject, and will cheerfully acquiesce in any proposition that may be made.

The form of government for the islands is a matter that can be worked out in the future. It is believed that it would be something after our present territorial form of government, with home rule for the island, but presided over by a governor. Gradually, however, the islanders would be given the right of self-government, with veto powers, subject to the overriding will of the President. Until definite arrangements for this government were made, the existing laws of the islands, in so far as they did not disagree with the laws of the United States, would remain in force.

The status of the citizenship of the inhabitants of the islands is not, it is claimed, changed by this absorption of the Hawaiian Republic. The bona-fide citizens of the United States of that government would become the citizens of the United States, but the aliens would at once become subjects to the restrictions imposed by the United States. So far as the contract labor laws and other provisions relative to immigrants would at once become operative. The present troubles of the island, owing to the influx of Chinese and Japanese, would cease, as that matter would be controlled by the general laws of the United States.

Much has been said and the Government might be guided by the wishes of the people of the islands. It would be provided, however, that none of the natives could be taken as soon as practicable, he said, to return them to their own country with their families.

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the same as if it contained within its territory millions of square miles instead of a few thousand. If that government saw fit to negotiate a treaty of annexation with this Government, a fact of which he said he had no official knowledge, no other power on earth had the right to protest. That was a matter for Hawaii alone to decide. Mr. Davis does not look for any protest from any power if such a scheme is proposed.

## BELLE AIKEN'S MAD CAFER.

Ex-Congressman Stephenson's Niece Murders a Cheap Variety Actor.

Chicago, June 15.—While Joe F. Willard, a cheap song and dance man, ate viands and drank sparkling wine with a detective, in a restaurant, his runaway bride, Belle Aiken, of Menominee, Mich., aged nineteen, and a heiress, was taken from the Grand Palace Hotel by a relative and spirited out of Chicago for a relative point in the Wolverine State.

Mrs. Willard is the petted niece and ward of S. M. Stephenson, ex-Congressman and millionaire. Willard met Miss Aiken at Menominee, while he was managing a dramatic benefit there. She became fascinated with him. They eloped, were married, and came to Chicago. Miss Aiken is well known in Washington, where her beauty and sprightly manners created quite a flutter during her uncle's term.

## CALHOUN TO SEE MCKINLEY

He Returns to Complete His Report on Cuba.

The Special Commissioner Arrived from Illinois Last Night and Will Visit the President Today.

Mr. William J. Calhoun, the gentleman who returned from the special mission to Cuba on the day before President McKinley departed for Nashville, arrived in Washington again last night. He did not visit the White House last night, but will make his report to the President today.

Mr. Calhoun had not intended coming to Washington so soon, by two or three days. He has, however, some important private business in his home, in Illinois, awaiting his attention, and he found it difficult to attend to this business until the Cuban matter was out of the way. This caused him to change his plans, and to see the President as soon as the latter's return from Nashville was possible.

As stated heretofore Mr. Calhoun will, in this report, go into his trip to Cuba more fully than he could in his first interview with Mr. McKinley, but he does not intend to make any direct recommendations as to the policy to be pursued by the Administration.

Mr. Calhoun will also have under consideration during his visit to the city the papers and the report in the investigation of the Ruiz case.

## A REMARKABLE LETTER.

It Charges McKinley and Reed with Being Spanish Sympathizers.

Havana, June 15.—A remarkable letter from New York has been published by the Diario de La Marina. It is signed by its regular correspondent, and appeared in the evening edition of the Diario on Friday, June 11. The letter says there is no doubt that President McKinley sympathizes with Spain in the present war and that this is proven not only by the orders issued from Washington for the capture of the filibustering steamer Dauntless, but also by explicit declarations made by Secretary Sherman.

The correspondent affirms that Speaker Reed is also in favor of Spain and that he is in accord with Senator Aldrich in preventing a vote in the House on Senator Morgan's resolution.

Many friends of the Marquis of Apecequia and some other Spaniards of the reformist party have renewed their efforts to have Gen. Weyler recalled to Madrid.

Gen. Weyler recently said at the palace in the presence of many persons that he had already sent many Cubans to hell and to Charifinas, and that before leaving the island he would make many Spaniards take the same road.

## Striking Tailors Winning.

New York, June 15.—The striking tailors are today more hopeful of victory than for some time. Nearly fifty contractors have broken away from their association yesterday and today and signed the tailors' agreement. Leader Schoenfeld said the strikers were winning slowly, but surely.

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## WHISKY RUINED THIS MAN

Brother of Justice Harlan Killed by a Train.

INNATE OF AN ALMSHOUSE

Once a Brilliant Lawyer and an Able Judge, He Squandered His Fortune, and, in Spite of His Brother's Protestations, Decided to Go to the Workhouse.

Louisville, June 15.—Judge James Harlan, a brother of Justice Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, was run over and killed by a train, near the almshouse, this afternoon. He had been an inmate of the institution for nearly three years, and went out to the station, near the almshouse, to get an afternoon paper from a train he heard approaching. He started out down the track and the train suddenly came upon him around a curve. He was tossed thirty feet in the air and instantly killed.

Justice Harlan was notified at once by telegraph, and answered that he would start for Frankfort.

Judge Harlan was sixty-six years old, and was the son of the late William James Harlan, who, at one time, represented the Ashland district in Congress. He was educated at Center College, in Danville, and studied law in the office of his father.

He was considered one of the brightest lawyers practicing at the Kentucky bar. He was appointed by the governor in 1877 to fill out the unexpired term of the vice-chancellor of the Louisville chancery court. He was afterward re-elected to the place by the people, and served four out of six years.

Then he resigned the place and became a law partner of Augustus Wilson. The firm was considered one of the best in the State. He was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Lane, who came of an illustrious southern Indiana family.

At length he contracted an insatiable appetite for whiskey and made himself a wreck. He squandered his fortune, and when his wife died he drank more. Several times he was arrested, and upon several occasions was sent to the workhouse.

At length, in spite of the protestations of his brother, he declared he was going to the almshouse. The remains will be buried in the family lot at Frankfort.

## "JEFFERSON STILL LIVES."

Text of Mr. Bryan's Address at the University of Virginia.

University of Virginia, June 15.—The address of William J. Bryan, before the literary societies of the university this morning, was received with considerable enthusiasm and the applause was given without respect to the political opinions of individuals. Thousands of 10,000 visitors have been here today, and among them were many distinguished men from different parts of the country. The subject of Mr. Bryan's speech was "Jefferson Still Lives," and while it gave him great opportunity to introduce politics he abstained from more than alluding to the great national question of the day.

Mr. Bryan, while here, is the guest of Dr. Paul B. Barringer, the chairman of the faculty, and he will remain until tomorrow afternoon, when he goes to Nashville.

## LOTTED OFF FOUR HEADS.

Prompt Punishment of Chinese Mutineers by German Officers.

San Francisco, June 15.—The German officers who drilled the Chinese troops at Woosung, on May 7, were called on to suppress a mutiny among 1,000 native soldiers who had been discharged with three months' extra pay, whereas they were entitled to six months. The Germans dispersed the mutineers, court-martialed the leaders, and lopped off the heads of four of them.

## BUSHNELL MAKES AFFIDAVITS.

Tries to Clear Himself of Blame in the Urbana Matter.

Columbus, Ohio, June 15.—Gov. Bushnell completed his affidavits as to the Urbana lynching at a late hour last night and they were placed in the hands of Coroner Hewitt, of Urbana, today. The governor swears that he was not asked to send more troops there to prevent a lynching, and that he was assured over the telephone, by one calling himself the sheriff, that the mob could be handled without outside aid.

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## DUPED BY THE DAUNTLESS

The Gallant Little Tug Again Outwits the Cruisers.

### BIG CARGO FOR THE CUBANS

Sails for the Island with Four Rapid-Fire Guns, Several Million Rounds of Cartridges, Boxes of Dynamite, Seven Hundred Machetes and Four Batteries.

Tampa, Fla., June 15.—The tug Dauntless has again duped the cruisers, and this, according to all accounts, is scudding for the Cuban coast with a large cargo of munitions and some thirty-five men. The tug came into port Tampa harbor late yesterday afternoon, answering in an obscure place, the object being, as stated by the captain, to have her go on the ways there.

This was thought strange, but nothing further was thought of the matter. News was brought to the city this afternoon that the vessel sailed sometime after midnight, with a full cargo of arms and ammunition, and many men.

An unknown schooner came into the lower bay at dark, and her cargo was transferred to the Dauntless, heading her down to the gulf. It is stated that there were four rapid-fire guns, several million rounds of cartridges, boxes of dynamite, hand grenades, and about 700 machetes, and also four electrical batteries.

Among the men were four electricians from New York. It is stated, who had been engaged to go along and oversee the laying of mine, and the working of bombs. The tug carried, also, 300 rounds of the famous dynamite gun that Gen. Dumas has, and which the Spaniards dread so much. The expedition is stated to be the largest one ever carried from this coast, and tonight the Cubans here are greatly elated.

It seems that the Dauntless, instead of coming up the coast, as the Marlinhead had expected, made a turn around Key West, and came up the west coast, landing in Tampa, lower bay. The cutter went up the west coast, in obedience of orders from Washington, and they went up too far and so lost track of the ship. As she sailed at midnight, or thereabouts, she is far beyond capture by this time.

## CUBANS BRAVE THE OCEAN

Leave Cuba in a Sailboat with Dispatches for the Junta.

Wrecked Near Cape San Antonio, They Build a Flat-Bottomed Skiff and Again Make the Attempt.

Mobile, Ala., June 15.—Five men were brought to this city today on the steamer Agnes, who picked them up in a small skiff ten miles north of Uxatun. They gave their names as Dr. Paulino Benjardín, Rafael Gutierrez, Marcelino Sierra, Domingo Chale and Michael Walsh.

The told a distressing tale of eight days' suffering while away in the skiff off Port Tampa.

With